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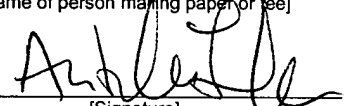
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In re Application of:	)
JÜRGEN KLEINWÄCHTER	)
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For: LIGHT ELEMENT WITH A TRANSLUCENT SURFACE	)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to F) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/DE99/03164. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 196 14 787 A	Protekum U.	10-09-97
B)	USA	US 4 421 097 A	Meckler	12-20-83
C)	France	FR 2 552 211 A	Lemasson	03-22-85
D)	USA	US 4 326 012 A	Charlton	04-20-82
E)	USA	US 5 204 777 A	Curshod	04-20-93
F)	USA	US 4 723 826 A	Whitaker	02-09-88

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the issuance of a first Office Action so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the mailing of a final action or a notice of allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), the undersigned submits the following certification and petition requesting consideration of this statement:

The undersigned hereby certifies:

☐ that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart

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- [ ] that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56© more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.
- [ ] The undersigned hereby petitions that the Examiner consider the information cited in this Statement.
- [ ] Enclosed, please also find a check for the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee for filing the above Information Disclosure Statement.
- [ ] Enclosed, please also find a check for the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee set forth in §1.17(i).
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted

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